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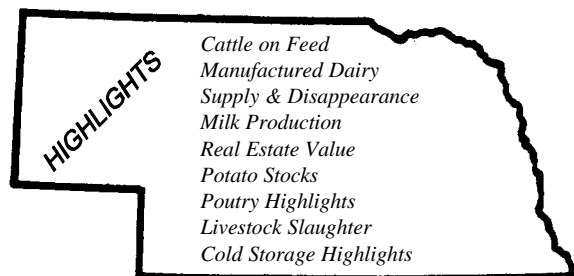
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## HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 3%

Cattle on feed April 1, 1999, in the historic 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.89 million, up 3% from 1998 but slightly below 1997. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.73 million, 22% above 1998 and 2% above 1997. Marketings during March totaled 1.66 million, 5% above 1998 and 11% above 1997. Other disappearance during March was 52,000 head, 25% below 1998 and 16% below 1997.

## NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.18 million cattle on feed on April 1. This inventory was up 6% from last year and 7% above April 1, 1997. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 350,000 head, up 3% from last year and 8% above March two years ago. Placements during March totaled 380,000 head, up 31% from last year and 19% below two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during March 1998 and 15,000 head during March 1997.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3%

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.38 million head on April 1, 1999. The inventory was 3% above April 1, 1998 but slightly below April 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.02 million. Net placements were 1.95 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 357,000, 600-699 pounds were 468,000, 700-799 pounds were 739,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 457,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million. Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during March.

## CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE

STATE	APRIL 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			MARCH PLACEMENTS			MARCH MARKETINGS			MARCH OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	212	214	101	25	39	156	25	27	108	8	1	13
California*	370	385	104	50	55	110	45	50	111	10	5	50
Colorado* . .	1,000	1,120	112	190	240	126	210	240	114	10	10	100
Idaho . . . . .	285	280	98	55	58	105	37	49	132	3	4	133
Iowa* . . . . .	325	360	111	26	57	219	50	56	112	1	1	100
Kansas* . . . .	2,100	2,070	99	360	430	119	360	370	103	20	10	50
<b>Nebraska*</b>	2,060	2,180	106	290	380	131	340	350	103	10	10	100
New Mexico	91	94	103	12	13	108	28	24	86	1	2	200
Oklahoma . .	370	345	93	80	69	86	80	86	108	5	3	60
So. Dakota . .	167	182	109	29	45	155	30	46	153	5	1	20
Texas* . . . . .	2,540	2,560	101	480	530	110	550	565	103	10	15	150
Washington	178	179	101	47	46	98	38	42	111	6	6	100
Other Sts . .	420	415	99	65	59	91	80	71	89	5	3	60
U.S. . . . .	10,118	10,384	103	1,709	2,021	118	1,873	1,976	105	94	71	76

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

\*Historical 7 States.

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**MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS -- PRODUCTION OF SELECTED PRODUCTS, 1996-1998**

COMMODITY	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998
	1,000 pounds			1,000 pounds		
Total Cheese <u>2/</u> . . . . .	110,876	96,151	100,394	7,217,518	7,330,414	7,501,903
American Type Cheese . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	3,280,773	3,285,558	3,325,836
Total Italian Cheese . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	2,812,397	2,881,445	3,001,106
Cottage Cheese						
Creamed <u>3/</u> . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	360,413	359,525	366,761
Curd <u>4/</u> . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	448,327	458,460	464,889
Lowfat <u>5/</u> . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	329,890	346,687	361,876
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS AND MIX</b>	1,000 gallons			1,000 gallons		
Ice Cream . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	878,572	913,770	937,485
Ice Cream Mix . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	457,771	473,730	484,573
Yogurt . . . . .	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	114,168	92,166	87,777

1/ Not published when less than three plants reported or individual plant operations might be disclosed. 2/ Excluding cottage cheese. 3/ Milkfat content 4% or more. 4/ Mostly used for processing into full creamed or lowfat cottage cheese; cottage cheese curd and creamed and lowfat cottage cheese should not be added together to obtain total production. 5/ Milkfat content less than 4.0 percent.

**U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK**

CROP YEAR	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price	
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use 2/	Other					
Million bushels											\$/bu.
CORN:											
1996/97	.....	9,233	426	13	9,672	5,302	1,692	1,795	8,789	883	2.71
1997/98	.....	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99	.....	9,761	1,308	15	11,084	5,625	1,860	1,800	9,285	1,799	1.90-2.10
SOYBEANS:											
1996/97	.....	2,380	183	9	2,573	1,436	123	882	2,441	132	7.35
1997/98	.....	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	158	870	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99	.....	2,757	200	6	2,963	1,560	203	770	2,533	430	5.00-5.10
WHEAT:											
1996/97	.....	2,277	376	92	2,746	891	410	1,002	2,302	444	4.30
1997/98	.....	2,481	444	95	3,020	916	341	1,040	2,297	722	3.38
1998/99	.....	2,550	722	95	3,368	925	438	1,050	2,413	955	2.65-2.75
SORGHUM:											
1996/97	.....	795	18	0	814	516	45	205	766	47	2.34
1997/98	.....	634	47	0	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99	.....	520	49	0	569	275	45	185	505	64	1.65-1.75

\* Projections for 1997 and 1998 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of April 9, 1999. Totals may not add due to rounding.

1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION**

Item & Quarter	NEBRASKA		20 STATES		UNITED STATES	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Milk cows <u>1/</u>	Thousand head					
January-March . . . . .	70	72	7,718	7,703	9,176	9,134
Milk production <u>2/</u>	Million pounds					
January-March . . . . .	259	292	33,399	34,676	39,164	40,471

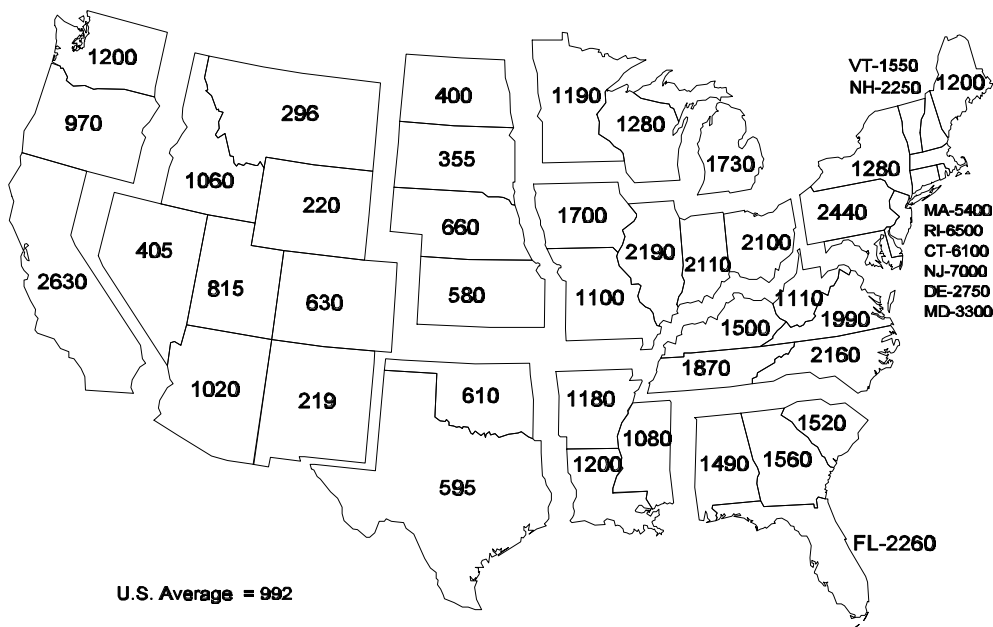
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**AVERAGE PER ACRE VALUE OF FARM REAL ESTATE**  
**SELECTED STATES & REGIONS, 1980-1999 1/ 2/**

Region and State	1985	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change 99/98
								Percent
Northern Plains:	412	401	453	463	481	499	505	1.2
Kansas .....	488	450	535	553	565	577	580	0.5
Nebraska .....	485	524	580	610	620	645	660	2.3
North Dakota .....	373	321	373	383	390	401	400	-0.2
South Dakota .....	289	291	302	310	325	348	355	2.0
Corn Belt:	1,108	1,111	1,430	1,510	1,610	1,730	1,770	2.3
Illinois .....	1,381	1,405	1,820	1,900	1,980	2,130	2,190	2.8
Indiana .....	1,344	1,254	1,620	1,740	1,870	2,060	2,110	2.4
Iowa .....	1,091	1,090	1,350	1,450	1,600	1,700	1,700	0.0
Missouri .....	689	701	880	950	1,010	1,070	1,100	2.8
Ohio .....	1,215	1,273	1,750	1,820	1,890	2,040	2,100	2.9
Mountain States:	300	265	362	383	399	415	422	1.7
Colorado .....	437	374	520	558	590	618	630	1.9
Wyoming .....	181	153	192	206	215	222	220	-0.9
Southern Plains:	675	495	529	541	557	596	598	0.3
Oklahoma .....	597	497	547	547	570	610	610	0.0
Texas .....	694	495	525	540	554	593	595	0.3
Lake States:	952	841	1,050	1,130	1,200	1,280	1,320	3.1
Michigan .....	1,108	1,005	1,330	1,420	1,530	1,670	1,730	3.6
Minnesota .....	898	805	950	1,030	1,090	1,160	1,190	2.6
Wisconsin .....	944	803	1,040	1,130	1,170	1,240	1,280	3.2
Delta States:	1,012	782	973	1,020	1,070	1,130	1,150	1.8
Arkansas .....	907	750	983	1,010	1,070	1,150	1,180	2.6
Louisiana .....	1,407	915	1,080	1,180	1,190	1,210	1,200	-0.8
Mississippi .....	855	728	886	917	980	1,050	1,080	2.9
48 States .....	713	683	844	887	926	974	992	1.8

1/ Value of farmland and buildings. Value data as of January 1. 2/ Estimates for 1996 and prior years previously published by the Economic Research Service, USDA.

**Farm Real Estate Value per Acre,**  
**January 1, 1999**



## FALL POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks totaled 131 million cwt. on April 1, 1999, down 2% from a year earlier and 11% below two years ago. Storage accounted for 31% of 1998 fall production, 1% less than a year ago. Disappearance was 294 million cwt., up 5% from last year but 1% below the record high from the 1996 crop. Processing accounted for 149 million cwt, up 8% from the 1997 crop but less than 1% below the 1996 crop. Seasonal shrink and loss to date is estimated at 27.7 million cwt. up 18% from last year but 1% below two years ago. March processing used a record 20.4 million cwt. of raw potatoes, up 3% from last year and 8% above two years ago.

### 1998 POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks Apr. 1, 1999
Thousand cwt.		
California .....	3,708	1,200
Colorado .....	25,360	9,100
Idaho .....	139,650	53,500
Maine .....	18,060	6,000
Michigan .....	14,725	2,200
Minnesota .....	21,170	6,700
Montana .....	3,180	1,780
NEBRASKA .....	8,175	1/ 1,140
New York .....	7,290	350
North Dakota .....	28,670	9,500
Ohio .....	1,200	1/
Oregon .....	26,229	10,500
Pennsylvania .....	3,360	420
Washington .....	93,225	21,500
Wisconsin .....	30,895	7,000
<b>TOTAL 15 STATES .....</b>	<b>424,897</b>	<b>130,890</b>

1/ Combined to prevent possible disclosure of individual operations.

## U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 1999, were greater than the year earlier levels for butter, pork, chicken, concentrated orange juice, vegetables, fruit, and potatoes. Total red meat supplies in freezers increased 3% from February 1999, and were up 9% from March 1998. Frozen pork stocks were 2% above last month, and were up 22% from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 6% from last month, but were down 5% from last year. Stocks on March 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

## POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH

Item	1998	1999	'99 % of '98
		Millions	Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA .....	10.5	10.9	104
30 States .....	297.0	305.1	103
U.S. ....	314.1	323.0	103
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA .....	229	238	104
30 States .....	6,499	6,661	102
U.S. ....	6,869	7,052	103
Chicks, U.S.			
Hatched, March			
Egg-type .....	40.6	41.3	102
Broiler .....	730.3	755.2	103
Hatched thru March			
Egg-type .....	112.3	112.6	100
Broiler .....	2,086.9	2,152.3	103

## COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

March 1999 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 1998 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 1999 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	% Change	
		Mar. 1998	Feb. 1999
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	619.3	+4	+9
Hogs, head . . . . .	582.0	+11	+22
Sheep & Lambs, head . . . .	.2	+200	+200
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	586.2	+6	+10
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	3,048.9	+5	+12
Calves, head . . . . .	116.9	-8	+17
Hogs, head . . . . .	9,117.2	+8	+15
Sheep & Lambs, head . . . .	423.0	+10	+42
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	4,016.0	+8	+14

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		Mar. 1998	Feb. 1999
Total red meats ...	889,686	+9%	+3%
Beef .....	309,967	-6%	+3%
Pork .....	558,277	+22%	+2%
Poultry .....	1,167,351	-5%	+6%
Turkey .....	373,765	-29%	-1%